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## HANNA TAKEN ILL MISSES A BANQUET

Senator Telegraphs He Cannot Attend the Civic Federation Dinner Because of a Severe Chill.

NEW YORK, Dec. 19.—Senator M. A. Hanna was not present at the banquet of the national executive committee of the Civic Federation tonight, despite the fact that it had been announced he would respond to a toast. Instead, the following telegram was read from him: "I am taken suddenly ill with a severe chill. My doctor will not permit me to leave my room. I regret very much my inability to attend."

All inquiries at the Waldorf Hotel.

## SECOND CAVALRY READY FOR LONG EASTERN TRIP

Seven Hundred Officers and Men Sail Away Today.

## SHIP LOAD OF RECRUITS

Friends and Relatives of Soldiers Brought Farewell Gifts Enough to Fill the Transport Kilpatrick.

NEW YORK, Dec. 19.—The United States army transport Kilpatrick, which sails early tomorrow for Manila, has on board the wives of Gen. Leonard Wood, Gen. W. H. Carter, and Major H. L. Scott, who go to join their husbands, now on active duty in the Philippines. Major Scott is the officer who was wounded in both hands while leading an attack against the Moros at Siet Lake, Jolo, November 16. He is a major in the Fourteenth Cavalry.

More than 700 enlisted men of the Second Cavalry, under command of Col. W. S. Edgerly, will leave on the Kilpatrick, and have already been assigned their quarters on board.

**Presents for Soldiers.**  
Throughout the day Colonel Edgerly and Lieutenant Smetzer, who are in charge of the embarkation of troops and the loading of the transport, were besieged by friends and relatives of the soldiers, who came to say good-by and to bring them books and magazines and big boxes of good things to eat.

One woman, the mother of a young soldier in Troop F, brought a big medicine chest, which she seemed to think would be a nice thing for him to carry on light foraging excursions. Another brought a big dog that had been a pet of her nephew. She seemed much put out when told that no dogs were allowed on the ship. She had heard, she said, that they were allowed in the German army, and she didn't see why our soldiers couldn't have them.

**Several Stoops.**  
"Tiger is a splendid watchdog," she said, "and would be sure to warn the men of an approaching enemy."  
Most of the soldiers seemed to be glad they were going, and said anything was better than being shut up in barracks. But the sweethearts and mothers and aunts, and some of the fathers and brothers didn't think so.

"We expect to be fifty-eight days making the trip," said Lieutenant Smetzer, of the Fourteenth Cavalry, who is one of six unattached officers going to join their regiments; "but as we shall stop at several ports on the way it will not be so tedious a voyage as it would be from San Francisco."  
"We shall touch first at Gibraltar, then at Port Said, Suez, Aden, Colombo, and Singapore, arriving at Manila about the middle of February. With good luck and good weather we ought to have a very jolly voyage."

**Famous Troopers.**  
"On Christmas Day especially we shall do our best to make things merry. Some of the officers' wives have promised to sing and play for us, and there are several men among those of the Second Cavalry who can do their share toward making the musicale a success. The soldiers will get as good a Christmas dinner as their comrades ashore, and any little exuberance of spirits will be treated indulgently."

What is probably the finest body of horsemen in Uncle Sam's army sails tomorrow with the departing regiment. Besides the officers and men, the Kilpatrick carries a large amount of commissary and quartermaster supplies.

## FIFTEENTH CAVALRY HERE FROM THE PHILIPPINES

The two sections of the special train bearing the second squadron of the Fifteenth Cavalry from the Philippines, by the way of San Francisco, to Fort Meyer, Va., arrived in Washington shortly after 2 o'clock this morning. The twenty cars were shifted to the side track at Ninth Street and Maryland Avenue southwest and the men were not awakened. The guards stationed on the platforms of each car stood as sentries until daybreak. The 250 men and officers were all reported to be well and "resting easy."

About 8 o'clock this morning Lieutenant Norton and several other officers of the Fifteenth, who arrived at Fort Meyer several days ago and remained at the post awaiting the arrival of the men, will escort the officers in charge to the Virginia garrison. The men will be taken to the Aqueduct Bridge in street cars, but will march up the hill to the fort.

The Fifteenth's men will be permitted to rest today after their trip across the continent, but they will have to settle down to hard work and regular knitting tomorrow.

where the Senator is stopping, resulted in the information being given out that the Senator had retired at his usual hour, 9:30 p. m.

So far as the hotel authorities knew no physician had been called and if the Senator is indisposed it is probably only temporarily. The hotel officials declined to send any message to his room containing inquiries relative to his condition.

## ALL CHICAGO FUNERALS STOPPED BY STRIKERS

Seventy-five Bodies Now Awaiting Interment.

## FOUGHT AT A CHURCH

Policemen Needed to Quell Disturbances at the Obsequies of a Murdered Woman.

CHICAGO, Dec. 19.—With nearly seventy-five funerals to be held in Chicago today, the livery drivers strike continued, with no sign of peace between employer and employee. The employers held a meeting today and agreed to send out no more hearses until troubles end. At the headquarters of the Teamsters' Union, the striking livery drivers gathered and reported to the leaders that not a hearse had gone to a cemetery since yesterday morning.

The most serious disturbance since the strike began took place this morning at the funeral of Mrs. Joseph Vleck, who was murdered a few days ago. Her body, accompanied only by her two children, was hurriedly driven from the residence to the family church. In anticipation of trouble a detail of police had been sent to the church, where a crowd of about 200 men and boys, many of them strike sympathizers, had gathered.

When the wagon carrying the dead drove up, curses and catcalls were hurled at the driver and the undertakers as the body was being removed. The coffin was borne into the church with much difficulty, the police being compelled to charge the mob. Only the two children were permitted to enter the edifice, and in their presence the priest conducted the service, the police meanwhile standing guard at the door.

The services over, four policemen bore the coffin between a deile of officers to the wagon, which was then driven rapidly to the cemetery.

## ITALIAN CLERKS START DISTURBANCE IN ROME

Insist That Legislature Pass Bill in Their Interest Before the Christmas Holidays.

ROME, Dec. 19.—The clerks in the ministry of public works engaged in a demonstration today which threatened to develop into a riot or strike, and under secretary before the clerks were pacified.

The disturbance was due to the fact that a bill affecting the interests of the clerks in the ministry of public works was not discussed in the chamber of deputies, and the agitation among those clerks began spreading among the clerks employed in other ministries.

It was pointed out to the clerks that the bill was not discussed because the government could not keep the deputies in Rome. Parliament only opened about three weeks ago, but the deputies insist that they must have their Christmas holidays.

## CRANKS WRITE LETTERS TO ADMIRAL SCHLEY

CINCINNATI, Ohio, Dec. 19.—Admiral W. S. Schley, who has been here several days this week, the guest of the Mystic Shrine, received at his hotel, it developed tonight, several warning and threatening letters. One of these warned him that his opponents had sworn to slay him at his hotel. Schley showed them to several prominent gentlemen, and the admiral and all agreed that they were hoaxes.

## PRESIDENT NOMINATES ODELL AS POSTMASTER

Hiram B. Odell, a brother of Governor Odell, of New York, has been nominated by the President for postmastership at his home, Newburgh, N. Y. The nomination was received by the Senate yesterday.

## BUTLER THINKS TYPHOID EPIDEMIC IS BROKEN

BUTLER, Pa., Dec. 19.—Typhoid claimed its sixty-fifth victim last night in the person of John Meyers, whose home is in Jersey Shore, Pa. He was unmarried.

But one new case of fever has been reported to the health bureau and the feeling is now almost convincing that the epidemic is broken.

## GRAND ARMY CHIEF ACCEPTS POSITION AS COMMISSIONER

General Black Sets Politicians' Predictions at Naught.

## APPOINTEE A DEMOCRAT

His Name Mentioned for Second Place on National Ticket in 1904.

Gen. John C. Black, of Illinois, has accepted the position of Civil Service Commissioner, to succeed John B. Procter. The President tendered General Black the position a few days ago. The announcement of his acceptance was made yesterday afternoon at the White House.

The President will send in the nomination on January 4, when Congress reconvenes. The acceptance by General Black will relieve President Roosevelt from considering the names of a large number of Democrats for the appointment. Politicians were watching the situation closely in the belief General Black would not accept.

Yesterday the Kentucky delegation called at the White House and asked the President to name George B. Gardner for the position, in case General Black declined.

Ex-Representative William Elliott, of South Carolina, called yesterday at the White House. He has been mentioned for the place left vacant by Mr. Procter's death, and his visit raised the supposition that his mission was in connection with the appointment in case General Black did not accept.

Politically the acceptance is of much importance. General Black has been mentioned for the second place on the Democratic Presidential ticket in 1904. The fact that he is head of the G. A. R. makes it certain that his appointment will be popular with the old soldiers. His duties will not interfere with his continuing in the office of commander-in-chief of the Grand Army.

## CHICAGO HOTELS MUST CHARGE FAIR RATES

Republican National Committee Will Not Allow Extortionate Prices for Rooms.

What seems to be an attempt on the part of Chicago hotel managers to raise their rates during the Republican national convention is to be nipped in the bud by the Republican National Committee.

Postmaster General Payne has telegraphed to Chairman Hanna in New York that evidence has come to him indicating that extortionate rates have been fixed for the convention by the Chicago hotels, and suggesting that unless assurances are at once forthcoming the regular rates are to be charged, that the national committee should take prompt action.

The evidence referred to by the Postmaster General in a telegram to a prominent member of the House of Representatives from one of the large hotels in response to a request for reservation of a room for the three days of the convention. The rate fixed was \$20 a day, while no reservation would be made for less than five days.

This member has been stopping at the hotel in question when in Chicago for the past ten years. The rate has been \$3 a day for two in a room and \$3.50 for one. He figured that his room should cost \$5 for the three days. Instead, the new rate would make his bill just \$100.

## STEAMER FINLAND ASHORE OFF HOLLAND'S COAST

Wireless Telegraphy Calls Tugs to Her Assistance—Hundreds of Passengers on Board.

LONDON, Dec. 19.—The Red Star liner Finland, Capt. F. Albrecht, is ashore at Nieuwenhuis, near Flushing, Holland, and wrecking tugs have been sent to her assistance. She sailed from Antwerp at noon today for New York in very thick weather. She was running very slowly at the time she grounded.

News of her predicament was sent out by her wireless telegraph system, and the tugs were en route to pull her off the shoal within an hour after she struck. She has 550 steerage passengers and about 150 second cabin and saloon passengers on board.

## BEETHOVEN MUSEUM PROJECT ABANDONED

VIENNA, Dec. 19.—The project for the preservation intact of Beethoven's death chamber, and other rooms of his home, which is about to be demolished, has had to be abandoned, owing to structural difficulties.

The Beethoven committee, the Duchess of Marlborough, Lord Napier and others purposed to incorporate the rooms into a museum, to be erected on the site of Beethoven's residence.

## RUSSIA SCOURS EUROPE SEEKING BIG WAR LOAN

No Firm Found Willing to Float Enormous Bond Issue.

## FLEETS READY FOR WAR

Japan Has Advantage on Paper, and Might Gain Early Victory.

LONDON, Dec. 19.—The British war office would not be surprised to receive at any time now the news that hostilities have actually broken out between Japan and Russia.

The fleets of both nations in Far Eastern waters are practically stripped for war and the match that will ignite the powder is all ready for lighting. This being the case, it is not at all surprising that the stock market is in a panicky condition, and that financiers are calling in all but the surest loans. It leaked out today that Russia has been sounding leading financial interests regarding the floating of a bond issue aggregating \$125,000,000.

## Money Wanted at Once.

The money is asked for at once, but so far none of the men and firms that are usually ripe for a speculation in floating the loan. This is not surprising, in view of the fact that Russia is practically bankrupt, and has no means of insuring repayment. In fact, the czar will have a hard time securing the necessary funds to carry on the war, as French, British, and American interests will not furnish it, and the German interests that might be expected to come to the front are not able to raise the money.

So far as funds are concerned, Japan is in much better shape than Russia. Not only is she not burdened with a ruinous national debt, but she has money available in the treasury, and can raise all that will be needed. No matter what the outcome of the impending conflict may be, these powers will permit Russia to rob her Japan. Therefore money lent the Mikado is sure to be repaid, as the country's natural resources are good.

## Strength of Fleets.

Interesting at this time is a comparison of the strength of the two opposing fleets in Far Eastern waters. Russia has available for instant service seventy-four vessels, with a total tonnage of 235,500, while Japan has in commission seventy vessels of similar number of craft but with a total tonnage of 252,116.

Thus the advantage at the outset on water will be with the weaker nation, and if Japan gains the first victory it will mean a protracted conflict. Should Russia, however, be successful in the first naval engagement, the war may be quickly ended, as the powers would be furnished with sufficient excuse to interfere. Those acquainted with the fierceness with which party warfare is conducted in Japan will recognize it as a remarkable change that the antagonists have come together on a common platform of patriotism.

## Japan's Leaders Resentful.

There are, no doubt, wide and deep differences between them on many details of domestic policy, but the respective leaders, Count Ikaro and the Marquis Salomon, are as one in passionately resenting the discourtesy of the Russian government in systematically ignoring Japanese remonstrances and both statesmen are highly incensed at the last note of Russia. The islanders are proud and patriotic, and to their minds it appears clear that the St. Petersburg ministry desires to lower the international prestige of Japan by treating the Tokyo government as it would not dare treat any other world power.

The Japanese are no longer to be blinded by shallow pretenses and voluminous proposals, the acceptance of which would brand the Japanese ministry as cowardly and inefficient. They can see without the aid of a field glass that Russia is daily strengthening her forces in the Far East. Re-enforcements, both of ships and men, reach Admiral Alexievsky daily.

Japan has already lost the advantage she had two months ago, while Europe has been lulled to sleep by Russian platitudes and Russian promises. But a day of reckoning is at hand, and united Japan is nearly ready to begin its task of rebuking Russian aggression.

## RICHMOND WILL HAVE EASTERN LEAGUE TEAM

NEW YORK, Dec. 19.—Every effort will be made to place the Eastern League on a solid foundation. President Powers said that every precaution will be taken to have a circuit that will play out the season. Mr. Powers would not announce the new circuit, saying that this would be made known at the annual meeting of the Eastern League to be held Monday.

It was learned tonight that Richmond, Va., will be included in the circuit.

## REPORTED DAMAGE TO DANISH WARSHIP

COPENHAGEN, Dec. 19.—The Danish battleship Iver Hvitfeldt has been seriously damaged by fire while in the harbor here.

LONDON, Dec. 19.—A dispatch to the "Daily Mail" from its Copenhagen correspondent says that the battleship Iver Hvitfeldt was destroyed by fire and sank.

## BUCHANAN'S NOMINATION AS MINISTER TO PANAMA IS HELD UP BY MORGAN

BOTH HOUSES ADJOURN  
FOR HOLIDAY SEASON  
AFTER BRIEF SESSION

Senate Discusses the Post-office Scandals.

## PETTUS TALKS ON PANAMA

House Adopts Williams' Substitute for Wanger Resolution Asking Information.

The Christmas recess of Congress began yesterday, when both houses adjourned in accordance with the resolution agreed to a few days ago.

The Senate adjourned at 2:15 o'clock, after an executive session lasting twenty-five minutes.

The House adjourned even earlier, having been in session only twenty-seven minutes altogether. In that time a substitute resolution introduced by Floor Leader Williams, was agreed to without division, in place of the Wanger resolution announced as adopted on Friday. Inquiry showed Speaker Cannon's ballot had only tied the vote. Instead of giving it one majority. The proceedings of Friday on this matter were ordered expunged from the "Record."

## Debate in Senate.

In the Senate the Postoffice scandals and Panama were the only two important subjects on which there was any debate in the open session.

The former subject was brought up by Mr. Gorman in proposing a resolution calling on the Postmaster General to furnish to the Senate the Bristow report, and the result of the investigation by Special Counsel Holmes Conrad and C. J. Bonaparte, on the Tulloch charges. After a debating skirmish, in which Senators Lodge, Quay, Hale, and Culberson participated, the resolution went over on the objection of Mr. Quay.

The Pennsylvania Senator's aggressive part in the discussion marked his first attendance at this session of the Senate. He has been in Florida since the latter part of November, and has just returned.

## Mr. Pettus Talks.

When the Gorman resolution had been disposed of, Mr. Carmack desired his pending resolution called up, but after some interchange of views the Bacon resolution on the tariff and relative prices here and abroad was read to the Senate. It transpired that its author had not called it up, according to the plan agreed upon between him and Mr. Aldrich, and as he had no desire to have it considered, it retained its place on the calendar.

Mr. Morgan then called up the resolution he introduced Friday, declaring this country's position on Panama matters, and Mr. Pettus took the floor for a long speech on the legal points involved.

## Of District Interest.

District matters submitted in the Senate yesterday were as follows:

By Mr. Martin, a bill to authorize the extension, construction, and operation of the Great Falls and Old Dominion Railroad within the District of Columbia.

By Mr. Dubois, a bill for the extension of Twenty-third Street, from S Street to California Avenue.

By Mr. Gallinger, a communication from the Mount Pleasant Citizens' Association, asking for the connection of Euclid Street and Erie Street. A bill for this purpose was passed in the last Congress by both houses, but was lost in conference. The action requested is to repair that oversight.

## FINE ELECTRIC DISPLAY ENDS BRIDGE OPENING

Hundreds of Thousands of People Enjoy the Spectacle on the New East River Structure in New York.

NEW YORK, Dec. 19.—The day's celebration marking the opening of the new East River bridge, spanning the river between Manhattan Island and Williamsburg, came to end tonight with a long parade of river craft, and a gorgeous display of fireworks from the bridge. Both were witnessed by hundreds of thousands, who crowded every available roof of buildings, lined the water front on both sides, and took passage on such ferryboats as piled the river. Two thousand policemen were on duty in the two boroughs to prevent accidents.

The bridge was outlined by 20,000 electric lights. The fireworks began with the illumination of the entire length of the bridge in changing colors, the sparks pouring down in a sheet from bridge to water.

## COLD IN ADIRONDACKS.

GLENS FALLS, N. Y., Dec. 19.—Unusually cold weather is prevalent throughout the Adirondacks, the thermometer ranging from fifteen to twenty degrees below zero. Lake George is frozen over from Caldwell to Eolton. This is about three weeks earlier than the average.

TROOPS ON THEIR WAY  
TO POINTS OF VANTAGE  
AT PANAMA'S BORDER

Colombia Has Begun Active Preparations for War.

## COGHLAN SENDS DETAILS

Five Hundred Soldiers Bound North on a Cruiser—Diplomats Say Hostilities Have Really Begun.

Admiral Coghlan has advised the Navy Department from Colombia that the Colombian cruiser Cartagena is sailing north, with 500 soldiers. The dispatch from Admiral Coghlan was badly mixed up and much difficulty was experienced in translating it from cipher. The translation finally prepared was as follows:

"Colon, Dec. 18, 1903.  
"Secretary of the Navy:  
"The United States Steam Packet Company's steamer Christina from Cartagena December 17, reports that cruiser Cartagena sailed to the north (date missing) with 500 men. Cruiser Pinzon, ample provisions, cattle, rice, were waiting for 300 men to go to rendezvous in Gulf of Darien. COGHLAN."

Navy Department officials believe the Cartagena is headed for some of the islands in the Caribbean which belong to Colombia. It has been suggested that Colombia is endeavoring to establish a base of supplies from which it may operate in case war is declared with the United States.

## Elliott to Go.

Secretary Moody had conferences yesterday afternoon with many of the officers in the Navy Department and several marine officers, and said last night it is practically assured Brigadier-General Elliott, commanding the Marine Corps, will go to the isthmus with another battalion of marines as soon as the Dixie reaches Philadelphia.

Members of the Diplomatic Corps are much interested in the trouble between Colombia and the United States, and many of the foreign representatives maintain that the two nations are really at war now.

The action of the United States in sending marines ashore near the mouth of the Atrato River, on the Gulf of Darien, is regarded by many foreign representatives as unfriendly, and is said to have constituted a cause for war.

## Acts of War.

Although the right of the United States to send marines into southern Panama to prevent an invasion is questioned by many authorities, who say the country must limit its action to the coast strip, marines are now supposed to be established on both the Gulf of Darien and San Miguel Bay, far south of the canal zone.

Peru has accorded recognition to Panama. Mr. Calderon, the Peruvian minister, called at the State Department yesterday afternoon and advised Assistant Secretary Loomis that his government has formally recognized the new isthmian republic.

## PANAMA TREATY SAFE IN HOTEL STRONG BOX

Minister Bunau-Varilla Displays the Document at the New Willard Before It Is Stored Away.

Panama's treaty with the United States, which traveled all the way from Washington to the isthmus and back again, now lies in a safe at the New Willard Hotel. It was placed there by Mr. Bunau-Varilla, the minister from Panama, who at noon yesterday, in the presence of a delegation of newspaper men, opened the strong box in which the treaty made its eventful trip.

The treaty bears the signatures of all the members of the junta at Panama, and is the original draft. The sending back of the original was unintentional, but the mistake is of no importance, as a duplicate copy is to be forwarded from the isthmus immediately, which, after the ratification by the Senate, will be exchanged for that copy in the possession of Secretary Hay.

The original will be sent back. It was wrapped in flags and decorated with ribbons.

## AMERICAN INVESTORS IN COLOMBIA WARNED

MOBILE, Ala., Dec. 19.—J. B. Loomis, Acting Secretary of State, informed Dr. C. F. Z. Caracristi this afternoon that the State Department was unable at the present time to advise him as to the safety of a visit of certain American investors to Colombia. Dr. Caracristi is the promoter of large concessions in the Gulf of Darien.

He is in receipt of letters from the Colombian minister of war saying: "Under present conditions Americans should not court danger in Colombia."

He appealed to Washington, as the rights of Americans in Colombia are guaranteed by article 27 of the treaty of 1846.

See J. H. Magruder's Advertisement.

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Alabama Senator Takes Advantage of Two-Day Rule to Upset the Plans of the Administration.

Envoy Will Find Himself But Private Citizen Under Commission From President Roosevelt.

Claimed That Republic Has Not Been Established Under Rules of International Law.

When W. I. Buchanan, now en route to the new republic of Panama, lands at Colon he will learn that he is not yet United States minister to that country, but only a private citizen under a commission from the President. His nomination, which was confirmed last Thursday, is still pending before the Senate, and it will probably be about the middle of January before he is made a full-fledged minister.

## Morgan's Sharp Trick.

Senator Morgan played a sharp trick on the Administration yesterday by moving in executive session that the vote by which the nomination of Mr. Buchanan was confirmed be reconsidered. Under a rule of the Senate the fact that nominations are confirmed is not communicated to the President until two days after the Senate's action is taken. This gives any Senator who may desire to do so, for any reason, the privilege of voting to reconsider, in case he voted for confirmation. Senator Morgan yesterday took advantage of this rule, and just before the Senate adjourned for the holiday recess moved the reconsideration of the Buchanan confirmation.

## Republicans Protest.

Senator Lodge and Senator Cullom protested against such a course on the part of the Alabama Senator, contending that it would tend to complicate matters and cause embarrassment.

The effect of the motion to reconsider is that the nomination of Mr. Buchanan is still pending before the Senate, which does not meet again until January 4, and even after that date it will be possible for the Democrats to withhold confirmation for some time longer.

## Time for Democrats.

Notwithstanding the fact that his nomination is held up for the time being, it is probable that Mr. Buchanan will be able to go on and look after the interest of the United States on the isthmus, as he is commissioned by the President to do. His confirmation is certain after the objections of the Democratic Senators have been exhausted.

The motion to reconsider, however, will cause additional delay and give the Democrats further time to get together if they intend to do so, and determine whether or not they purpose to make a party issue of the Panama matter and defeat the treaty, as it is within their power to do.

## Mr. Morgan's View.

It is understood that Mr. Morgan, assisted by Mr. Gorman, will fight the confirmation of the new minister on the ground that the President has no authority to send an envoy to a government which has not been established according to the rules laid down by international law.

Mr. Morgan's contention is that the republic of Panama has no constitution, no legislature, and no qualified public officials, and, in fact, is no government at all.

## LANDING OF MARINES SURPRISES GEN. REYES

General Reyes, the Colombian envoy, has been greatly astonished at the news announcing the landing of marines from the Atlanta on Colombian soil near the Gulf of Darien. While he has not made a protest to the State Department as yet, he is known to view the landing of the troops with great surprise. Officially, however, he has made no statement to this effect, but it is understood that in the brief on which the Colombian officials, with their attorneys, are engaged, they will introduce this matter among the grievances.